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IN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH NAIROBI NEWS MAGAZINE "WEEKLY
REVIEW" (COVER DATE SEPTEMBER 12), AMBASSADOR ANDREW
YOUNG MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. KENYA IS "ONE OF OUR OLDEST AND MOST MEANINGFUL ALLIES
IN THE WHOLE OF AFRICAMZ THE U.S. WOULD "BE INCLINED
TO SEE THAT KENYA WAS ABLE TO DEFEND HERSELF." IT CAN
BE PREDICTED THAT "KENYA WILL BE ABLE TO DEFEND HER
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TERRITORIAL INTERGRITY AND THAT THE UNITED STATES AND KENYA
WILL CONTINUE TO BE IMPORTANT FRIENDS AND ALLIES."

2. ON RESPECT FOR OAU-SANCTIONED BOUNDARIES: "I THINK
THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS THE QUESTION OF TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY AND ENCOURAGES THAT BUT I DON'T THINK WE ARE
IN A POSITION TO DETERMINE ALL OF THE BORDERS OF ALL

OF THE FIFTY STATES IN AFRICA.. WHEN THEY (AFRICAN NATIONS) HAVE DETERMINED THEIR TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES AND BEGUN TO GET TO THE BUSINESS OF DEVELOPMENT THE U.S. WILL BE IN A POSITION TO HELP."

3. ON CUBAN PRESENCE IN AFRICA: "IN ETHIOPIA YOU HAVE 300 CUBAN DOCTORS. YOU HAVE ABOUT 50 MILITARY ADVISORS. I WOULD SAY THOSE ARE THE MOST RATIONAL AND RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN DECISION-MAKING IN ETHIOPIA, AND I THINK THAT IN ANGOLA IT HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED THAT THERE COULD NOT BE ANY GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA IF THE CUBANS WERE NOT THERE."

4. ON OGADEN CONFLICT: "WE ARE NOT GOING TO SUPPLY WEAPONS TO SOMALIA SO LONG AS THERE IS FIGHTING IN THE OGADEN. WE WILL HELP PEOPLE DEFEND THEMSELVES BUT WE ARE NOT GOING TO SUPPLY PEOPLE OR EVEN SELL WEAPONS TO PEOPLE TO ATTACK THEIR NEIGHBORS...THERE IS FIGHTING GOING ON IN THE OGADEN THAT HAS DEEP HISTORIC ROOTS, AND HAS BROUGHT PROBLEMS WHICH EXISTED LONG BEFORE ANY OF US WERE BORN. I DON'T THINK IT IS REALLY HELPFUL TO CAST BLAME. THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO TRY AND FIND A POLITICAL RATHER THAN A MILITARY SOLUTION... I THINK SOMALIA IS TORN BETWEEN A HISTORIC VISION OF RESTORING AND ANCIENT SOMALI NATION AND ACTUALLY FEEDING THE PEOPLE THEY HAVE NOW. IF THEY WOULD CONCENTRATE ON UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPING THE PEOPLE WITHIN THEIR OWN PRESENT BORDERS, I THINK THEY COULD COUNT ON U.S. HELP. IF THERE ARE ANY EXPANSIONIST TENDENCIES IN ANY DIRECTION, I THINK THE UNITED STATES IS GOING TO STAY OUT OF THAT REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE SOVIETS, THE CUBANS, THE SAUDIS OR ANYBODY ELSE DOES."

5. ON THE SOVIET PRESENCE IN AFRICA: "I DON'T THINK THE SOVIET PRESENCE IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE TOTALLY IGNORING, BUT WE ARE AS ANXIOUS TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA AS WE ARE WITH KENYA. TANZANIA OR ZAMBIA...BUT IF THERE ARE GOVERNMENTS WHICH ARE JUST TRYING TO EXPLOIT THEIR POOR, STAY IN POWER UNDER THE GUISE OF ANTI-COMMUNISM, THEN THEY CANNOT COUNT ON THE HELP OF THE UNITED STATES."

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